



Funds Available to Tribes

- Section 518 sets a cap on funding to Tribes of 1/3 of 1 percent of available 319 funds.
- Congress eliminated the cap in annual appropriations and funding for the Tribal NPS Program was increased
 - To \$330,000 in FY 1997
 - To \$6 million in FY 2001, 2002, and 2003
 - To \$7 million in FY 2004, 2005, and 2006

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Eligibility for 319 Funding

- NPS Assessment Report
- NPS Management Plan
- Documentation of tribal eligibility (TAS)
- Grant proposal

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Grant Funds Available Under Section 319

- Base Funding
 - \$30,000 for Tribes with 1,000 square miles or less
 - \$50,000 for Tribes with more than 1,000 square miles
 - In 2005, 84 Tribes applied for and received base
- Competitive Funding
 - Up to \$150,000 to implement on-the-ground water quality improvement projects
 - In 2005, 31 Tribes received competitive funding

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Nonfederal Match Requirements

- Grant requires a 40% nonfederal match
- If a Tribe demonstrates a special financial need, EPA may approve a 10% nonfederal match
- A Tribe describes their particular need in a letter to the Regional Administrator

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Meeting Nonfederal Match Requirements

- Cost of in-kind services
 - Salaries
 - Office Space
 - Heavy equipment (backhoes, dump trucks)
 - Volunteer time
- Non-profit organizations

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Base Funding Activities

Funds to implement management program

- NPS program coordinator salary
- NPS related staff training (including travel)
- Education and outreach efforts
- Implementing on-the-ground watershed projects
- Updating the NPS management program
- Developing & implementing watershed-based NPS plans

Not eligible for Base Funding:

- General NPS assessment activities

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Base Funding Application

- Submit work plan that addresses:
 - Categories and sources of NPS pollution
 - Components of each work plan task
 - Estimated work years & funding needed
 - Performance evaluation process & reporting schedule
 - Roles and responsibilities of Tribe & partners

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Competitive Funding

- On-the-ground watershed project designed to achieve water quality improvement
- Up to \$150,000 available per grant
- Available for one watershed project per year
- Awarded based on competitive process
- Reviewed by project review team



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Requirements for Competitive Funds

- Consistent with NPS management program
- Implement BMPs in priority watersheds
- Achieve measurable water quality improvements in NPS impaired waters
- Support on-the-ground NPS projects

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Allowable Activities

- Implementation of project designed to achieve water quality improvement.
 - On-the-ground watershed projects
 - Local coordination of watershed projects
 - Information and education programs
 - TMDL implementation if Tribe has EPA approved Water Quality Standards (WQS)

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Allowable Activities (continued)

- Development of a watershed-based plan
 - Not to exceed 20% of the competitive award
 - Must be a component of a larger work plan
 - Water monitoring and modeling to improve assessment activities and targeting implementation activities
 - TMDL development if Tribe has EPA approved Water Quality Standards (WQS)

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Identifying On-the-Ground Projects

- Stabilize a streambank by reshaping the slope and installing retaining structures and rock riprap
- Attend training conferences on streambank restoration techniques
- A demonstration project involving BMPs implemented on livestock grazing land
- Write a watershed-based plan

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Identifying On-the-Ground Projects

- Control nonnative plant species
- Restore a roadside picnic area
- Construct interpretative signage educating visitors about the stream restoration site
- Using remote imagery to classify land uses and identify NPS pollution sources

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Identifying On-the-Ground Projects

- Establish a nursery to grow riparian plants
- Develop BMPs for minimizing water quality impacts from agricultural areas
- Monitor a stream and use the data to model stream conditions and predict future degradation

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Identifying On-the-Ground Projects

- Constructing off-stream watering devices for cattle
- Generating a GIS mapping system identifying all areas where off stream watering devices are needed
- Installing a new treatment system at a feedlot confining 5,000 cattle

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Intertribal consortiums

- 2 or more tribes can create a partnership (consortium) to apply for NPS funding
- Consortium members cannot apply for separate NPS grants
- Tribal governing bodies must approve consortium (documentation)
- Consortium members must meet eligibility requirements
 - TAS status
 - Approved NPS assessment and management program

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Base Grant Funding Process

- Submit draft proposed work plan to the EPA regional office by February 15, 2006
- Work plan must:
 - Be consistent with approved NPS Management Program
 - Describe categories and sources of NPS pollution
 - Describe activities to be funded
 - Provide timeframes for accomplishment
 - Estimate funding amounts for activities/tasks
 - Include performance evaluation process
 - Outline the roles and responsibilities of recipient and project partners

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Competitive Process

- Tribes submit competitive grant proposals to Regional Office by February 15, 2006
- Regions evaluate final proposals to determine whether they meet the minimum criteria required for a work plan in accordance with the *FY 2006 Guidelines for Awarding Section 319 Grants to Indian Tribes*

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Competitive Process

- Once the EPA regional office approves the Tribe's grant proposal, it is forwarded to EPA Headquarters for national competition by March 1, 2006
- National review committee discusses proposals by March 15, 2006
- National review committee submits proposal ranking scores to EPA headquarters by April 12, 2006
 - Ranking scores based on Guideline's selection criteria

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Essential Work Plan Elements

- Description of each category and significant sources of NPS pollution to be addressed
- Description of each work plan component
- Commitments for each work plan component
- Estimated work years and funding requirements for each work plan component
- Roles and responsibilities of the recipient in carrying out the work plan
- A performance evaluation and reporting schedule

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Development and Implementation of Watershed-based Plans

- Additional ranking factors included to encourage
 - The development of watershed-based plans
 - The implementation of watershed-based plans
- Work plan can only receive ranking points for one (not both) of these elements
- Beginning in FY2008, competitive funding will only be awarded for work plans designed to develop or implement a watershed-based plan

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Ranking Committee Review Sheet

Criteria	Weight	Score	Total
<i>Rank with score of 1 to 5.</i>			
Describes each significant category of NPS activity to be addressed.	20		
Identifies work plan components to be funded under the grant.	20		
Describes work plan commitments for each work plan component.	20		
Provides estimated funding amounts for each work plan component.	15		
Provides estimated work years for each work plan component.	15		
Identifies roles and responsibilities of the recipient, project partners, and EPA in carrying out the work plan.	15		
Describes a performance evaluation process and reporting schedule.	15		
Includes a plan to develop a watershed-based plan.	25		
- or -			
The work plan implements a watershed-based plan.	30		

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Competitive Process

- EPA Headquarters notifies Regions/Tribes of proposals selected for formal grant application by April 21, 2006
- Tribes submit final grant applications to Region by May 22, 2006
 - Cover letter
 - Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424)
 - Final work plan for base funding
 - Full project plan for competitive funding
 - Budget

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Award Process

- Region reviews final grant application for
 - Content
 - Completeness
 - Reasonableness
 - Compliance with applicable guidelines and regulations
- Issues resolved with Tribe
- Grant awarded by Summer 2006

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319 Milestones for 2005-2006

Activity	Deadline
Tribal eligibility	October 14, 2005
Submit base grant work plans to region	February 15, 2006
Submit competitive work plans to region	February 15, 2006
Regional office comments on base plan & forwards competitive plans	March 1, 2006
HQ notifies regions and tribes of funding selections	April 21, 2006
Tribes submit final grant applications to regions	May 22, 2006

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